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SUBJECT: AIR VIETNAM HIJACKING

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT HIJACKING IS FROM AIR VIETNAM OPERATIONS. CONGEN DANANG WILL REPORT ANY FURTHER INFO.

2. A MALE PASSENGER CARRYING A GRENADE BLEW HIMSELF UP AND INJURED A FEW PASSENGERS IN AN ABORTIVE HIJACKING OF AN AIR VIETNAM DC-4 (REGISTRATION 7/7.) AT HUE AIRPORT BETWEEN 1200 AND 1300 HOURS SAIGON TIME. CREW OF FIVE INCLUDING AMERICAN CO-PILOT AND FILIPINO FLIGHT ENGINEER AND MOST OF 46 PASSENGERS ARE SAFE. AIRCRAFT WAS ENROUTE FROM SAIGON TO DANANG AFTER A STOPOVER AT QUI NHAM. HIJACKER PULLED OUT GRENADE WHEN AIRCRAFT WAS OVER QUANG NGAI. TO ENSURE SAFETY OF CREW AND PASSENGERS, VNAF WAS NOT ASKED TO FORCE AIRCRAFT DOWN. PILOT WAS ABLE TO CONVINCE HIJACKER, WHO WANTED AIRCRAFT TO BE FLOWN TO HA NOI, THAT THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH FUEL. PILOT ALSO MADE ENGINES TO MALFUNCTION IN AN ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE HIJACKER THAT AIRCRAFT HAD TO LAND AT ANOTHER AIRPORT. AIR VIETNAM HEADQUARTERS HAD MEANWHILE ASKED

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VNAF TO RUN UP DRVN FLAGS AT HUE AIRPORT TO MAKE HIJACKER

THINK HE HAD LANDED IN NORTH VIETNAMESE TERRITORY. AS SOON AS
AIRCRAFT CAME TO A STOP, CREW LEAPED OUT OF AIRCRAFT TO PREVENT
HIJACKER FROM FORCING THEM TO FLY FURTHER. HIJACKER APPARENTLY
REALIZING HE WAS STILL IN SOUTH VIETNAM EXPLODED GRENADE. AIR
VIETNAM IS IMMEDIATELY SENDING ANOTHER AIRCRAFT TO HUE
TO LOOK AFTER CREW AND PASSENGERS AND TO INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENT.
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